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# Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

## Report of the Second Committee

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## I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 1st, 26th and 27th meetings, on 4 October, 30 November and 3 December 2018. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. At its 26th meeting, on 30 November, upon the proposal of the Chair, the Committee agreed to organize informal meetings of the Committee in early 2019 to discuss the revitalization of its work.

## II. Consideration of document A/C.2/73/L.67

4. At its 27th meeting, on 3 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision on its draft programme of work for the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/73/L.67), as submitted by the Bureau.

5. At the same meeting, the Chair drew the attention of the Committee to the provisional programme of work and timetable for the Committee at the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/73/CRP.1).

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision on its draft programme of work for the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/C.2/73/L.67, and recommended its approval by the Assembly (see para. 7).

[1] A/C.2/73/SR.1, A/C.2/73/SR.26 and A/C.2/73/SR.27.



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# III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the approval of the following draft decision.

## Programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves, subject to any subsequent decision by the Assembly, the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly as set out below. The Assembly further invites the Bureau of the Second Committee at its seventy-fourth session, in preparing the draft programme of work and timetable of the Committee for its seventy-fourth session, to take into account the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee as contained in document A/C.2/73/CRP.1.

### Draft programme of work

1. Information and communications technologies for sustainable development.
2. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   (a) International trade and development;
   (b) International financial system and development;
   (c) External debt sustainability and development;
   (d) Commodities;
   (e) Financial inclusion for sustainable development;
   (f) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development.
3. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development.
4. Sustainable development:
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   (c) Disaster risk reduction;
   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;
   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;
   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) Education for sustainable development;

(h) Harmony with Nature;

(i) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;

(j) Combating sand and dust storms;

(k) Sustainable mountain development.

5. Globalization and interdependence:

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

(b) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development;

(c) Culture and sustainable development;

(d) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.

6. Groups of countries in special situations:

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.

7. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Human resources development;

(d) Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

8. Operational activities for development:

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) South-South cooperation for development.

9. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition.

10. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.